

Among the Churches

Dutchtown, Ind.

The congregation at Dutchtown has been much blessed this winter. The church has not been organized long but is learning to stand alone and to work. There have been many accessions recently at the prayer-meeting and regular services.

Brother Levi Stoneburner, long a faithful minister in the German Baptist church has now cast his lot with us and preaches on Sunday evenings alternately with brother Thos. Plew. He is a great help.

Brother Plew deserves great credit for devoted, sacrificing service. He has the confidence of the whole community.

Brother Longacre makes an able S. S. teacher and superintendent and would make a good preacher if he would devote himself to it. I go out once a month on Saturday nights to help along.

C. F. YODER.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

According to promise we will now try and report the protracted meeting which has been numbered with the events of the past. We began our work here Feb. 9, with good attendance. We held forth the word in our weakness until Wednesday the 19th when our much esteemed brother J. L. Kimmel came to our assistance, he preaching in his fearless manner shunned not to declare the whole Gospel to saint and sinner, and it had its effect. His sermons no doubt will long be remembered. Especially did he wax warm when he treated the two subjects, "Baptism" and "Feet-washing," which caused no little stir, but you know that hit birds always flutter, yet the truth must be told even if it does hurt some people.

Brother J. L. Kimmel is a true defender of Gospel truths. I wish we had more such men. The Brethren church here is very much strengthened and revived by this meeting and there is yet a great work here to be done and can be done if they will only once unite their forces and not divide them for in union there is strength. The immediate results of our work was four were made willing to embrace the faith of the Brethren church, one young lady, "a teacher," coming from the G. B's. There were many others who were almost persuaded, yet deferred to another time. We were sorry to have to close this work and leave them still out of Christ, but we shall work and pray for their salvation in the near future.

We filled our regular appointment last Sunday at Gretna, found them after four weeks' absence at their usual places and enjoying the service of the Christian religion, and now we have finished our winter's revival work at our three charges and so will commence our sowing again for the next season's harvesting, remembering that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, then brethren and sisters let us be sure that we sow to the spirit that we may reap everlasting life.

M. S. WHITE.

McAlisterville, Pa.

We are at this writing holding forth the Word at McAlisterville, an abandoned mission point. Yet we have found seven members true, who are faithful among the rabble of sects common to Pennsylvania, in this community. One evangelist had been treated to some over-ripe hen fruit, others had preached doctrine so much and so strong that the town and surrounding country were antagonized against the Brethren. We did not come here to hold a revival in particular, for had we announced our meeting in that way the people would have more than likely made themselves conspicuous by their absence. We simply announced that a series of sermons would

be preached and one or two solos sung each evening. After securing the M. E. church we began the work, hoping to redeem, if possible the lost prestige of the church, determining to do our duty and leave the result with God. Thus far I can say the Lord has been our help.

The people show an unusual interest thus far. We are meeting all current expenses. Members of other churches compose our choir and help in general. The bishop of the German Baptist church has been a regular attendant thus far and I have been informed that he has advised their other ministers here to come out and hear us preach. This of course is striking a new cord on the old harp strings, but a very agreeable one, especially to me. I can most assuredly say to other bishops, "go thou and do likewise." Many of their numbers are attending our services, as do the Lutherans and Presbyterians.

We have as Brother Bowman said, not attempted to draw the Brethren net. May not do so until we see some fish in position to be caught. We are not telling death-bed scenes or grave yard stories, but trying to teach a new application of some of the old principles of the Gospel by giving them the straight word of God. Will continue several evenings yet. This day we have made arrangements with the proper authorities to hold regular services here, awhile at least, in the M. E. church. This will greatly aid us in our future work here.

Had two confessions on last Sunday at McVeytown. In order to reach that point on Saturday evening we were necessitated to travel 24 miles in order to get one-half mile owing to the recent flood in this state. We are glad to report that arrangements have been made to relieve the mission board of Calvary in the near future. They will join in with Sergeantville in supporting Rev. J. S. Bowman who will take charge there in April. We will try and visit them by the last of March or first of April. I certainly praise God for the victory in N. J. after many repulses victory is ours. Pray for us.

E. H. SMITH.

Ministerial Association Notice

All but two of the members of the National Ministerial Association have paid the assessment levied on account of the death of brother J. M. Bowman. They have had sent to them another notice. All others may consider this statement a receipt for their payments.

R. R. TETTER, Sec'y.

Milledgeville, Ill.

Program Union Meeting

To be held at Pleasant View, Elkhart Co, Ind., April 2 and 3.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Sermon, G. W. Rench.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotions, Mrs. Anna Wohlford.

Bible reading, L. O. Hubbard.

Song, I. S. Pipingier.

Recitation, Ida Leedy.

Bible character—Peter, B. H. Flora.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Devotions, Eleazer Fryman.

Methods of S. S. C. E. Work, Mrs. G. W. Rench.

Song.

A well organized church, A. S. Menaugh.

Select Reading, Mrs. Hattie V. Cline.

Our Sunday School, Arthur Pancost.

Queries, Irvin Landis.

7:30 P. M.

Communion Services.

A. R. BEMENDERFER,

E. G. LEEDY,

IDA SIMMONDS,

Committee.

The Carleton Meetings

For a number of years the churches of Carleton, Nebraska have united in a series of union revival services each winter. Last winter and also the winter before the M. E. church secured the evangelist. This winter the Brethren church had the call, and thru the solicitation of the pastor, Dr. McFaden, I was honored with the invitation to conduct the meetings.

I arrived in Carleton Wednesday Feb. 12, and the services were opened the same evening. The church was in excellent spirit for an earnest effort to win men to Christ. I had in every service the active sympathy and assistance of both pastor and people. The pastor of the M. E. church and his people also co-operated and from the first there was every indication of success. The village and surrounding population was largely Christian, the spiritual influence was good and the presence of divine force was manifest at every service. About the close of the first week the members of the Sunday school began to respond to the invitation. And from that on there was only one evening in which the Lord's call was not heeded. Yesterday at the 11 A. M. service I preached the last full sermon. One came forward making a total of 52. In the afternoon Brother McFaden baptized part of the penitents and in the evening made a short talk, and urged that others who were under conviction would find peace in "yielding now." He then invited all who wished to unite with the Brethren church to come forward. There were eight more, all men who responded. At the close eleven were baptized, and the announcement made for a baptismal service again tonight. From what we could see and hear I am sure there will be new names added to the list. Brother Mack told me this morning that up to the hour of my leaving (9 A. M.) the total number of confessions was 62.

The meetings were healthful all the way thru. No excitement or sensation. Just that steady, earnest flowing of the stream of activity that comes from the faithful preaching of righteousness. Yesterday morning the pastor stated that the congregation should show its appreciation of the meeting by a contribution for my support. There was no excitement about that on the surface, but this morning Brother J. B. Whipkey handed me \$148.39 as the result. I only mention this to show the real generosity of the Carleton people. It is the largest sum I ever received for holding a revival, and I appreciate it the more because it was given so graciously and with such little solicitation. I should single out some of the brethren for kindly mention but will not. There was so much of courtesy and Christian good will shown by all that I can only lump it up and say that Carleton church, pastor and people have shown just how helpful and generous and manifestly Christ like a church and pastor can be. Brother McFaden has been pastor there over seven years and there is no indication among his people that anything like a change is desired. I made my home with brother E. E. Lichty formerly of Waterloo, and visited around among such people as the Whipkeys, Lichtys, Beachys and Millers thru the day. I just dropped in on the pastor whenever I felt like it, and that was pretty often. I see H. M. Lichty is sort of boasting thru the paper of the collection in their two or three hundred Sunnyside "federated Sunday school." But the Carleton school with an attendance of from 100 to 130 raises more every Sunday. I think the collection last Sunday was \$4 45.

I do not expect to be able to hold any more meetings this Spring. I agreed last fall to go on the road again this season, and will begin work this week. Brother McFaden will no doubt give a full report of additions to the church. But I think and hope they will keep the pool open for several weeks yet. The religious feeling in the town and country is of the kind that does not die out soon.

S. H. BASHOR.